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(As part of his incessant dishonest attacks on his own political group he calls "utopian"; the "left", "pragmatists" Sch. has a section on what he here calls a fallout shelter" program, with the benefit of hindsight, although in the days of which he writes "fallout" was not the primary danger they were to shelter against. The "left" he says ~~was~~ turned its members "... bitterly against the administration" on this proposal, made in May, right after the Bay of Pigs. It will be interesting to see if at any point Sch. acknowledges the wisdom and accuracy of the objections to this program which was, once its propaganda benefit was reaped, quietly dropped, for, as became clear (it really was to those not engaged in the propaganda) it would not, as Sch. alleged, "save the lives of 20 or 30 million people if war came." An additional reason for this program may be the economic philosophy of the administration, spending, which Sch. has earlier explained at some length.

While not conceding that the program was a miserable flop that inspired vulgar displays of the worst in the national character, and became what in his own Sch. calls a "disaster", instead of acknowledging his to the administration's aura & the rights of those who were so clearly heirs; Sch. instead always starts calling these people "radicals" in stead of any kind of left (p 749). Elsewhere (744) he, in a way that shows agreement, quotes Kennedy as actually expecting that because "we invited him & dined him" Alfred Kazin shouldn't have written an article in "The Amer. Scholar" which, apparently, K. didn't like. Sch. is careful to not even indicate the nature or contents of Kazin's piece. It is also clear that both in advance & all the time he was in the White House, Kazin made his beliefs & attitudes clear. Did K expect to bribe him with a meal? It would seem that Sch. might well emulate the integrity of those upon whom he unleashed an ex parte & dishonest attack they cannot possibly answer or defend themselves against